

MHT #FHD-1277  
140 B&O Avenue  
Built around 1930  
Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland  
Demolished

#### **Brief Description**

Before it was demolished in 1996, this bungalow stood at the west end of B&O Avenue. It was built in the 1930s on the site of an much earlier dwelling, 138 B&O Avenue. Unlike the building it replaced, as well as all of the other dwellings on B&O Avenue, it was not aligned toward the railroad tracks, but was set at an angle facing west. It also differed from its neighbors stylistically. Although it was built in a neighborhood of two-story nineteenth-century vernacular dwellings, its design reflected the period in which it was built. Its low sweeping roof, open-room plan, and details, such as exposed rafter tails and battered porch posts, reflected the popular bungalow style that was becoming increasingly common in middle-class areas across the nation.

#### **Summary Statement of Significance**

This dwelling was located within the Frederick Historic District. It was representative of working-class dwellings of the early twentieth century. Before its demolition, however, it had deteriorated and retained low integrity

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## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. FHD-1277

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 140 B&O Avenue

☐ not for publication

city, town Frederick

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Frederick

### 3. Classification

#### Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

#### Ownership

☒ public

☐ private

☐ both

#### Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☐ not applicable

#### Status

☐ occupied

☒ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

#### Accessible

☐ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☒ no

#### Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☐ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☒ other: vacant

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name City of Frederick

street & number 101 North Court Street

telephone no.:

city, town Frederick

state and zip code Maryland 21701

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Court House

liber 2082

street & number 100 West Patrick Street

folio 1272

city, town Frederick

state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title Standing Structures Report, East Street Widening and Extension in Frederick, Maryland

date May 1981

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state Maryland

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed  
☒ demolished

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☐ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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This one-and-one-half-story gable-roofed bungalow was built of seven-course-American-bond brick and rested on a low concrete-block foundation. Its side-gabled roof extended over a three-bay front porch. The roof was covered with sheet asphalt and the remnants of diamond-shaped composition shingles. A brick flue rose from the west slope of the roof, near the south end of the building.

On its three-bay west front, one window was boarded over, but the exposed double window in the third bay was a six-over-one double sash window with a wood surround. The central front door had a four-panel wood door with a fixed-light transom. The three-bay front porch had a shed roof with exposed rafter tails and was supported on battered wood posts on brick piers. The porch rail that ran between the piers was concrete-block, capped with brick. An opening in this rail, between the center two posts, had four steps down to the ground level.

All of the windows on the asymmetrically fenestrated north and south elevations were boarded over, as were those on the east rear elevation, which was completely obscured by vegetation.

Although there was no interior access to this vacant building, its main room was visible through its front window. The main room at the west front of the dwelling had a stair on its north wall, leading to the upper half story. Two doors on the east wall of the room accessed the rear rooms.

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<b>Specific dates</b>	c. 1930	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	unknown
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City directories indicate that the bungalow was vacant at times in the 1940s and 1950s, but Bertha Kennedy recalls that a Mr. Chew resided in the house before it was finally boarded up. After being vacant for a number of years, the building was demolished in 1996.

## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Kennedy, Bertha. Personal Communication, August 1996.

Polk, R.L. and Co. *Polk's Directory of Frederick*. New York, New York, 1928-29, 1946, 1950.Sanborn Map Company. *Fire Insurance Map of Frederick*. New York, New York, 1930.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property NoneQuadrangle name Frederick, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24 000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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Zone	Easting							Northing	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frederick Tax map 418 parcel 888

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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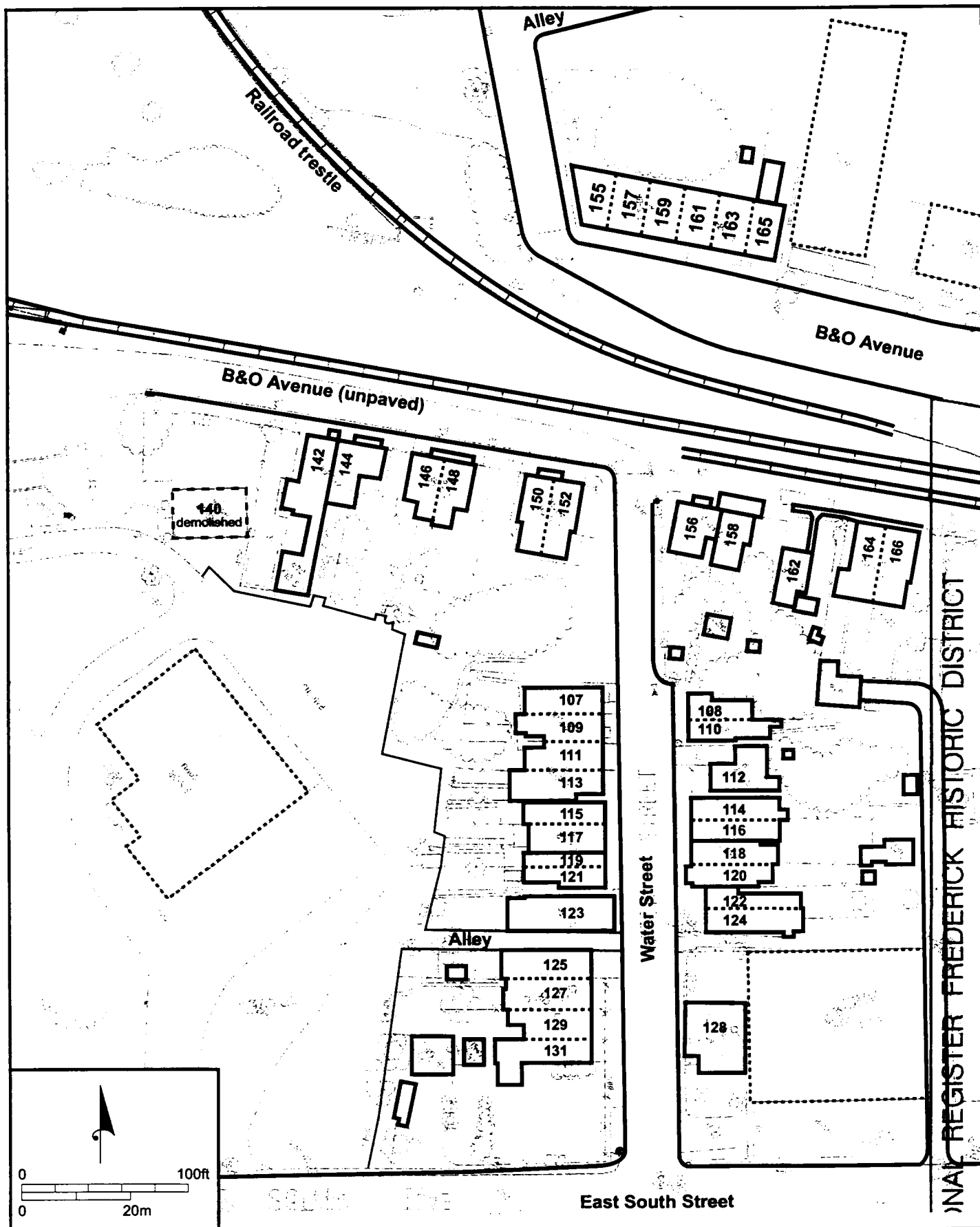
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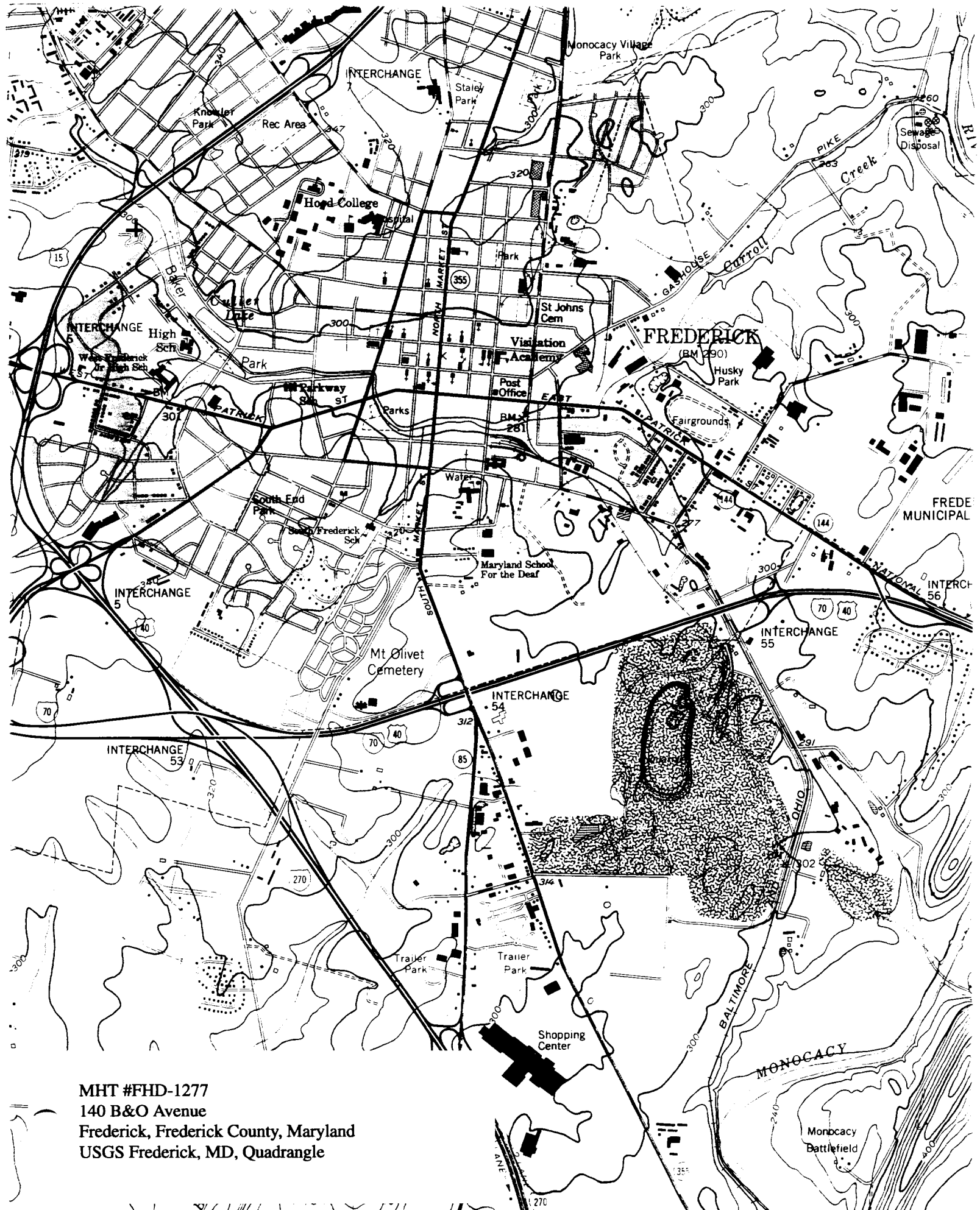
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Date	Transaction	Property description	Reference
1960	City Directory: no listing	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1960
1955	City Directory: no listing	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1955
1950	City Directory: vacant	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1950
1946	City Directory: vacant	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1946
1940-41	City Directory: Charles Keith; Bernard Keith, laborer	140 B&O Avenue	Polk 1940-41





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West (Front) Elevation, Looking NE

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North Elevation. Looking South

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